

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. The taking of testimony in the contested election case was resumed yesterday afternoon. Byron Firth, twelve years old, while at work yesterday at Schofield's wooden mill, Manayunk, had a leg badly torn and his head injured by being caught in the machinery. His leg was amputated. John De Foglie was received into the Pennsylvania Hospital yesterday in an insensible condition, alleged to have resulted from blows inflicted by his wife. At a special meeting of Common Council held yesterday afternoon, resolutions expressing regret at the sudden and melancholy death of David McClain, late member from the Fourth ward, were offered and adopted. At a stated meeting of the Press Club, held yesterday, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, John D. Watson; Vice-Presidents, Dr. E. Morwitz, Thompson Westcott; Recording Secretary, Joseph H. Bink; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Frick; Treasurer, S. N. Winslow; Directors, Messrs. W. Ambruster, Emerson Bennett, W. J. Clark, Jr., Wm. F. Corbit, A. W. Frick, D. S. Lewis, Joseph Robinson, R. A. Welsh, L. F. Sheppard. The Club then adjourned until the first stated meeting in September. A large meeting of iron moulders was held last evening at Broad and Arch streets for the purpose of forming a union. It was stated that there were about 450 iron machinery moulders in the city, a majority of whom received only \$18-50 per week, while many worked for \$10 per week. It was argued that this sum was too small to support a family, and, therefore, the desire manifested for an increase in the price of labor was no unreasonable. They did not meet in opposition to their employers, but had a desire to bring their condition by adopting plans which would also benefit their employers. Reports were received from the district committees, manifesting a willingness to join in the formation of an Iron Moulders' Union. A motion then prevailed that the meeting unite with Union No. 15, of the International Moulders' Union, of this city. The Board of Aldermen held an adjourned meeting yesterday afternoon. Alderman Devlin, from the committee to prepare resolutions relative to the death of Alderman John J. Devlin of the Seventeenth ward, reported a series of resolutions expressive of the high opinion held by the Board of their late associate, and tendering their condolence to the family of the deceased in their sad bereavement. The resolutions were agreed to. Alderman Jones moved to proceed to the election of canvassers. This was persistently fought by the Democrats, by Alderman Kern, McMillin, and others, and motions after motions were made on both sides. Alderman Jones' motion was, however, carried by a vote of 36 yeas to 24 nays. Alderman DeLancy and Jones were then appointed tellers, and the Board proceeded to ballot. In the First division of the First ward, James Lockhart and George Croll were elected. A motion to adjourn was then carried. The Board again meets on next Wednesday. About the 21st of May, William and Mary Reath, whose parents reside at No. 1018 Portland place, left their home to go to the neighborhood of Eighth and Chestnut streets, in search of employment, in answer to an advertisement. At this point all trace of them was lost until yesterday, when Mayor Fox received a letter from Mr. J. E. New, of Ellsworth, Kansas, stating that two children, with the above names, and representing themselves as from Philadelphia, had arrived at that place on the 9th of this month. The letter was sent by the Mayor to the parents of the children. Domestic Affairs. Gold closed yesterday at 138. Registration is progressing at a lively rate in Virginia. Charles Gallagher challenges Allen to fight for \$1000 a side. The steamship Quaker City has again been discharged. The Swedenborgian Convention met yesterday in New York City. The National Monument at Gettysburg is to be dedicated July 1. McCooze challenges Allen to fight again for a prize of five thousand dollars. Professor John Deconté has been elected President pro tem of the California University. The Supervisors of San Francisco have decided to give ex-Secretary Seward a public welcome. The Cincinnati Base Ball Club yesterday beat the Atlantic, of Brooklyn, on a score of 32 to 10. Valuable mines have been discovered at Cinnabar, about twenty-five miles from San Francisco. Adkin, D. Lewis, a citizen of Burke county, Ga., was stabbed to death in his field by a negro yesterday. Yesterday morning the Hamilton Flour Stores, in Brooklyn, near the Atlantic Ferry, were burned. Loss, \$600,000. Two colored physicians applied for admission to membership in a medical society in Washington, and were refused. Thirty watchmen have been dismissed from the Treasury Department in pursuance of a general policy of retrenchment. During the performance at the Coliseum at Boston, yesterday, Mrs. Dunlap, of Chicago, dropped dead of heart disease. Lists are being prepared in Washington of a large number of clerks who are to be dismissed from the Government service. There is a lack of business in the Government printing office in Washington, and a number of printers have been discharged. A demand is made on George Peabody & Co., of London, for restitution of \$10,000 realized by them on Texas indemnity bonds. A little "personal difficulty" arose between some white men and negroes, during a circus performance at Sparta, Georgia, on Tuesday, which resulted in the killing of one and the fatal wounding of another colored man. No harm occurred to the white men. Frank S. Johnson, late wardrobe man at the Arch Street Theatre; Alfred S. Stimmel, doorman at the Academy of Music; Robert McCawley, late deputy sheriff; and James Ghegan, were yesterday appointed Assistant Assessors in the Second district of Pennsylvania. Foreign Affairs. The press generally censure Mr. Bright's letter. The Times, commenting on the proceedings in the House of Lords, says the debate exhibits moderation and patriotism. A vote of the peers will be given on the judicial consideration of the arguments, based on the provisions of the bill and judgment of the nation. London, June 16.—The press generally censure Mr. Bright's letter. The Times, commenting on the proceedings in the House of Lords, says the debate exhibits moderation and patriotism. A vote of the peers will be given on the judicial consideration of the arguments, based on the provisions of the bill and judgment of the nation. London, June 16.—Details of news by the South American steamer at Lisbon have been received. The Brazilian iron-clad ascended the Paraguanay river to a point near the camp of Lopez, but was unable to proceed further on account of shallow water and the want of

coal. The Paraguayans made efforts to obstruct the river and blow up the allied fleet, but without success. An English officer, with the permission of the Brazilian commander, passed through the lines with despatches for President Lopez, and returned with despatches from General McMahon. London, June 16.—Murphy, the anti-Irish agitator, was discharged on the ground of informality in his arrest. London, June 16.—Baron Stanley, of Alderley, died to-day, aged sixty-five. On June 16, four men attacked the house of Mr. Gray, the magistrate at Black Rock, last night. The inmates resisted and fired upon the assaulting party, one of whom was mortally wounded, and the others fled. Paris, June 16.—The Emperor has written a letter to M. Mackean, a member of the new Corps Legislatif, acknowledging the receipt of a communication addressed to him by that gentleman in the name of his constituents. The Emperor says the government is equally able to suppress disturbances and grant liberties, but concession of principles and personal sacrifices are always insufficient in the presence of a popular movement. A government which would preserve its self-respect ought not to yield to external pressure. The Emperor adds:—"I am well assured that these views are those of your constituents, as I am convinced that they are the same which are entertained by a majority of the Chamber." Berlin, June 16.—The Parliament of the Zollverein reject the proposed duty on petroleum. Bremen, June 16.—The King of Prussia has arrived. He was entertained to-day at a banquet by the city, and made a speech. He said:—"If Providence had willed the accomplishment of a great and unexpected work through him, it was not himself alone, but by his companions and allies, also, that the work was executed. All that was sought by the present generation had not been accomplished, but their successors would gather the fruit and witness the completion of the edifice, the foundation of which had been laid." In conclusion, he expressed thanks for his reception and drank to the prosperity of the city of Bremen. Madrid, June 16.—The Cortes has passed a decree establishing a regency under Marshal Serrano by a vote of 193 to 45. Magnificent speeches were made to-day by Castelar and Olazoga, the former attacking and the latter defending the French empire. Florence, June 16.—Signor Tobbca, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, was attacked to-day by an assassin in the street. After a desperate struggle the assassin fled, leaving the deputy badly wounded. Brussels, June 16.—The negotiations between the French and Belgian Governments for the settlement of commercial differences are progressing favorably, and will probably terminate the present month. Constantinople, June 16.—The frontier difficulties between Turkey and Persia are settled. The Persian Ambassador has resumed his functions. KANSAS. The Land Troubles. Particulars of the Origin of the Difficulties. The recent land troubles of Kansas are under discussion at the capital. They originated in the Interior Department, and at one time they approximated to a civil war. The Indian Bureau and General Land Office both having a partial jurisdiction in the matter, the trouble has grown out of the uncertainty as to which was paramount. As a large number of settlers from the Eastern and Middle States are involved in the troubles, and no statement of the original cause has yet been published, I have looked it up from the records of the Interior Department. In 1805-6 the Cherokee tribe of Indians laid claim to and offered for sale some twelve million acres of land, embracing a large portion of Southern Kansas and the tract lying north of Texas. No examination of the Indians' title to these lands appears to have been made by Secretary Harlan, nor did he refer the matter to the General Land Office, but proceeded at once to sell 800,000 acres of the Kansas lands, in trust for the Cherokees, through the Indian Bureau, to the American Emigrant Company of Connecticut. The lands thus sold had been previously settled upon by some twenty-five thousand people from all parts of the Union, under, as many of them supposed, the pre-emption law. Towns had grown up; thousands of farms had been started, with the expectation that the settlers would have the usual first chance to buy from the Government. Of course these people cling to their homes with tenacity usual in such cases. The Indians claimed to have a simple title to the land, under a patent signed by President Van Buren in the year 1838. On the other hand, men learned in the law, like Judge Lawrence, of Ohio, and General Butler, of Massachusetts, pronounced the Indians' title altogether worthless—an opinion which seems to have been sustained by the Attorney-General, who pronounced the Harlan sale null and void. Nevertheless, the American Emigrant Company assigned their title, such as it was, to the agent of a railway company, who, strengthening it with another "treaty" with the alleged Indian owners, proceeded to take possession, and offer the land for sale, which the settlers had no right to do until the courts had decided upon the title. He persisted, and they resisted, until troops had to be called for to preserve order and enforce the rights of owners, whoever they may be, which, of course, will be difficult to tell until a case can be carried to the Supreme Court. The whole question will turn upon the Indians' title to the land. If it is, as claimed, a fee simple title, the settlers must vacate the land or purchase of the American Emigrant Company's assignee. If, on the other hand, the Supreme Court decides the Indian title worthless, the settlers will hold their homes under the pre-emption and homestead laws. This is the concluding portion of the Van Buren claim of 1838, under which the Indians claim to hold the lands. The United States have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant, unto the said Cherokee Nation the two tracts of land so surveyed and hereinbefore described, containing in the whole fourteen million three hundred and seventy-four thousand one hundred and thirty-five acres and fourteen hundredths of an acre, to have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said Cherokee Nation forever; subject, however, to the right of the United States to permit other tribes of red men to get salt on the salt plain referred to; and subject, also, to all the other rights reserved to the United States in and by the article heretofore recited, to the extent and in the manner in which the said rights are so reserved; and subject, also, to the condition provided by act of Congress of May 28, 1830, and which condition is, that the lands hereby granted shall revert to the United States if the said Cherokee Nation becomes extinct, or abandons the same.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the 31st day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and of the independence of the United States the sixty-third. By the President. M. VAN BUREN.

Attorneys who take the settlers' views of the question claim that a fee simple title is one without condition attached to tenure, and that the four conditions contained in the above make the Indians' right merely one of occupancy. Much stress is put upon the proviso. It is stated that the Indians had either abandoned the land, or had never occupied them. Certainly they were vacant when the settlers took possession. Altogether, it is an important question. If the United States has really given the Cherokee tribe a fee-simple title to 14,000,000 acres of land, it will require a large draft upon our National Treasury to buy them back again—some ten or fifteen million dollars. The Secretary of War authorizes the statement that in no case shall troops be used to dispossess settlers until the courts shall finally decide the question of title.

FOREIGN.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Pestilence of Lopez and the Allied Forces. Advice from Buenos Ayres, S. A., dated April 23, gives us the latest position of the Argentine forces in Paraguay. Lopez is still in his retreat among the spurs of the Andes, few of which are yet open to the invaders. He is said to have taken there about twenty guns, and to have made about as many more, and he gathers forage, sweeps in horses, and brings in men and boys, which is being reported as spies and scouts so as to swarm over the country. There is no movement of the allies that he does not know of at once. Since December 27 pursuit of Lopez has been talked of, but not yet undertaken. About the middle of April nearly all the troops in Asuncion moved out in three divisions, and the allies were not far enough to endanger either themselves or Lopez. The only thing looking like activity was the surprise of a regiment of Brazilian cavalry. They were encamped at Itapary Bridge, which is being reported as they were going out one day to pasture their horses, when they were surprised by a body of Paraguayans, who dashed down on them and captured their horses. The sorry cavalrymen, on being attacked, and nearly all were killed or captured. The war is now on ground that allows of the strategy of the allies, with the allies, as opposed to the Brazilian, one man counts for three. Lopez lost greatly by not retiring long ago from the river coast, and among the swamps for those who wanted him to come and take him. MINISTER M'NAHON. The United States Minister, McMahon, is still in the camp of Lopez, if on the earth at all, which some almost doubt, as he has not allowed himself to be heard from since he first entered the tents of the Dictator President. He certainly can be called an "ignorant" Minister. If he sends despatches they are intercepted; or, if he has accepted the guardianship of Lopez' children, he may be taking care of the family while their father is taking care of the country. The late of American Ministers in this country proves one thing, namely, that if the minister undertakes to show a way out of trouble to any of the belligerent parties, he is sure to be shot. The late of American Ministers in this country proves one thing, namely, that if the minister undertakes to show a way out of trouble to any of the belligerent parties, he is sure to be shot. The late of American Ministers in this country proves one thing, namely, that if the minister undertakes to show a way out of trouble to any of the belligerent parties, he is sure to be shot.

CHINA.

Reins of the Taiping Rebellion. From an interesting correspondence from Foochow, China, we take the following:—Our time in Nankin was occupied in visiting the ruined palaces of the Taiping Emperors. By the aid of one Scotch friend, who had a bulldog and mirror that formerly belonged to the Wang, or Coolie King, as they are very properly called. The interior of the city is a ruin. Out of 1,000,000 of inhabitants who formerly lived here in splendor, not more than 500,000 remain. The Taiping rebellion, which caused the destruction of 20,000,000 of people on the tributaries of the Yangtze Kiang. It was a great movement, and, under intelligent guidance, might have introduced Christianity into China; but the Taiping leaders, being uneducated, assumed a religious communications direct from God, the Emperor claiming to be the Son of God and younger brother of Jesus Christ, and assumed sovereignty and dominion over all nations. Foreign nations could not brook his insolence and ignorance, and the Taiping rebellion, as a consequence, was crushed. The American officers, who drilled and commanded native troops. Colonel Gordon, of the British service, led the "Ever Victorious Army," as it was called; but Ward and Burgevine, two brave and adventurous Americans, had inspired it with confidence and brought it into efficiency before they were killed. The Chinese troops were not in the habit of giving any quarter, and in capturing a city spared neither age, sex nor condition. With such troops the military service of China cannot be entered by any foreign officer with honor.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Monsieur Cabasson has presented to the French Academy a curious essay on the effect of diet on the moral and intellectual faculties of man. Its influence, in his opinion, so great that it would scarcely be an exaggeration to say that the mind is what you eat. "Diet not only manages, et dirige le cerveau," he says. In a passage of the "Miserables" Victor Hugo likens French vivacity to the light French wines, and English ponderosity to "portarbeer"; and many Frenchmen are convinced that the distinguishing traits of the two nations may in a great measure be ascribed to the use of these beverages. But M. Cabasson goes far more deeply into the subject, and experimentalized on his own person with various articles of food—coffee taken on an empty stomach, which he found to be most injurious; the effects, he claims, were immediately after imbibing it his ideas acquired unusual profundity, his style in writing was cold but correct, while, after taking a moderate quantity of portarbeer, his thoughts were more rapid, his style more nervous; he became more egotistical, and generally disagreeable. A moderate breakfast restored him to his normal state, and the disappearance of intellectual profundity was compensated for by an influx of genial and generous ideas. The theory is as yet too undeveloped to admit of the prescription of a particular diet for every vice; but, as a general rule, M. Cabasson assures us that a diet of milk and vegetables is conducive to moral and intellectual superiority, and quotes the following dictum of the philosopher, "The diet that complacency with which only a Frenchman can talk of himself, that he attributes to this diet 'the purity of feeling, the felicity of expression, and the exquisite severity which always characterized him.' All Lamartine's friends know that he retained this serenity of disposition till his death; if he really used a vegetable diet, it is a pity that the diet does not seem to have the same desirable effect on the agricultural classes in Ireland.

From a report of Consul Lowler on the foreign trade of the ports of Higo and Osaka in Japan, for the year 1868, it seems that the Japanese think their goods are not above putting their names to paper and then selling them to a well-known speculator of the ports a sudden mania seized the populace of the city of Osaka, who anticipated that a large export trade would immediately follow the opening of their passage in the shape of money and slices of paper bearing their names. Shops were closed, business was suspended, and the streets were filled with a head-banging crowd of people; lawsuits and carousals were the order of the day and night; drunkenness prevailed to an extraordinary degree; the streets of men, women, and children dancing, singing, and drawing festive cars, filled the streets from the early hours of the morning; nearly every house was illuminated; the streets were filled with a head-banging crowd of people; lawsuits and carousals were the order of the day and night; drunkenness prevailed to an extraordinary degree; the streets of men, women, and children dancing, singing, and drawing festive cars, filled the streets from the early hours of the morning; nearly every house was illuminated; the streets were filled with a head-banging crowd of people; lawsuits and carousals were the order of the day and night; drunkenness prevailed to an extraordinary degree; the streets of men, women, and children dancing, singing, and drawing festive cars, filled the streets from the early hours of the morning; 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